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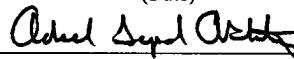
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Appl. No. : 10/810,421
Filed : March 25, 2004
For : ROTATABLLE VALVE
Examiner : John C. Fox

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Adeel S. Akhtar, Reg. No. 41,394RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In an action mailed January 17, 2006, the Examiner required restriction of prosecution to one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-25, drawn to a valve, classified in class 137, subclass 625.47; or
- II. Claims 26-42, drawn to a semiconductor manufacturing apparatus and method, classified in class 438, subclass 935.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect to proceed, without traverse, with prosecution on the merits of Group I (Claims 1-25), drawn to a valve, classified in class 137, subclass 625.47.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for examination on the merits, and respectfully requests the same. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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